

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION**

**Minutes:** Meeting of Sister Cities Commission (SCC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, March 22, 2007  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Meeting Rm.

**I. Roll** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Commissioners/Alternates Present: Arefi, Arthur, Dugdale, Grilli, Mateo, McCarter, Ortega, Swiger and Wan (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)  
City Council Liaison present: Vice Mayor Livengood  
MUSD Liaison present: Montano  
Staff present: Cuciz, Stobbe

**II. Alternates** None were seated.

**III. Pledge** Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Minutes** **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2007.

M/S: Dugdale/Arthur                      Ayes: All

**V. Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the March 22, 2007 agenda.

M/S: Dugdale/Mateo                      Ayes: All

**VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

None.

**VII. Citizen's Forum**

None attending.

**VIII. Old Business**

**1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

Chair Grilli stated that he informed Huizhou that Milpitas is not sending a delegation this year. He has also inquired as to whether or not Huizhou will be sending a delegation to Milpitas and they have not responded yet.

**2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

Commissioner Mateo reported that she received an e-mail from Dagupan representative Emmanuel Bamba who noted their desire to renew a sister cities relationship with Milpitas, which is due by April 5, 2007. Also, a letter was sent to Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves from Dagupan Mayor Benjamin Lim stating their desire to renew the sister city Memorandum of Understanding between

Dagupan and Milpitas. Mateo has not yet received a response from Dagupan to find out if they will be sending a delegation to Milpitas this year.

### **3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP**

Vice Chair Arthur reported that she received applications from two students from Russell School and there were not any adult applicants. She noted that they are looking into an airline escort service for the students until they can make contact with Arthur, however, if Commissioner Arefi is able to attend they will not need this service. Arthur noted that the current airfare is \$923.00 on United, although there may be a promotional price at a later date.

### **4. EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH**

Commissioner Arefi noted that very large cities have not responded with interest in Milpitas. He noted that some smaller cities have responded out of Eastern Europe, however, these may not attract any student participation. He also mentioned that he had received some e-mail communications from German, French and English towns, but the communications have ceased. He asked staff about the status of having an official city email to use and staff will respond soon with an answer.

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

No report.

## **X. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

MUSD Liaison Montano reminded the commissioners about the Crab Feed on March 23, 2007.

## **XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
  - a. Tsukuba City, Japan
  - b. Dagupan City, Philippines
  - c. Huizhou City, China
2. European Sister City Research

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

No further business was discussed and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 24, 2007.

**MOTION** to adjourn.

M/S: Dugdale/Wan                      Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Public Information Specialist